

SENATE BILL 883

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2,  
Chapter 16, Part 1 and Title 3, Chapter 1, Part 1,  
relative to redistricting.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 16, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

2-16-104.

(a) The sponsor of any bill or amendment that assigns or reassigns any census block, tract, precinct, or any other unit of geography, including whole counties, among congressional districts shall cause to be posted on the web site of the general assembly either a corresponding map illustrative of the changes made by such bill or amendment or, if a bill or amendment proposes an entire congressional redistricting plan, a corresponding map of the entire plan.

(b) No bill or amendment described in subsection (a) may be passed or adopted by any ad hoc committee, subcommittee, standing committee, or on the floor of either house until the corresponding map has been posted on the web site of the general assembly for sixty (60) calendar days.

(c) During such sixty-day period, a portal for public comments relative to the bill or amendment shall be made available on the web site of the general assembly.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-101, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

3-1-101.

(a) The general assembly shall consist of a senate composed of thirty-three (33) members and a house of representatives composed of ninety-nine (99) members, to be apportioned among the qualified voters of the several counties and districts as provided in §§ 3-1-102 and 3-1-103.

(b)

(1) The sponsor of any bill or amendment that assigns or reassigns any census block, tract, precinct, or any other unit of geography, including whole counties, among senate or house districts shall cause to be posted on the web site of the general assembly either a corresponding map illustrative of the changes made by such bill or amendment or, if a bill or amendment proposes an entire senate or house redistricting plan, a corresponding map of the entire plan.

(2) No bill or amendment described in subdivision (1) may be passed or adopted by any ad hoc committee, subcommittee, standing committee, or on the floor of either house until the corresponding map has been posted on the web site of the general assembly for sixty (60) calendar days.

(3) During such sixty-day period, a portal for public comments relative to the bill or amendment shall be made available on the web site of the general assembly.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.